सायिक प्रशिक्षण देने हेतु इन मशीनों का पुनः उपयोग करने का प्रस्ताव किया है।

Effect *ot* liberalisation of trade unions

7664. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the Indian Express dated 2nd May, 1995 report 'Trade Unions feel the heat of liberalisation as never before;

(b) whether the President of B.M.S. has said that two lakh workers in the Public Sector and five lakh workers in the Private Sector have been retrenched; and

(c) what Governments are doing in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) The issues raised in the news item published in the "Indian Express" on May 2, 1995 are of a general nature. According to' available information from the Planning Com mission, there is no evidence of the adyerse effects of liberalisation policies on the employment situation. Statistics on retrenchment show a decline in the number of workers retrenched from 4396 workers in 1991 to 2891 in 1993 and 2040 workers in 1994 (Jan. . to Nov,). As on 31.3.95, 75756 workers have availed of VRS with NRF assistance in 61 CPSUs. Emplopment opportunities have meanwhile grown at the rate of 2.03 per cent per annum during the first three year of the 8th Plan as compared to 1.89 per cent per annum during the 7th Plan. The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 provides for payment of compensation to the Workers in the event of retrenchment or closure. Besides, Government has also established the National Renewal Fund .as a social safety net for the workers affected by industrial restructuring. The fund, *inter-alia,* provides for a assistance to cover the costs of retraining and redep-loyment of affected workers.

Outstanding dues of P. F. with Sanjay Gandhi Educational Society

7665. SHRI ANANT RAM JAIS WAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of Provident Fund is outstanding with the Sanjay Gandhi Educational Society, R. K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that even after serving of notice the said society is not depositing the amount; and

(d) if so, whether Government pro pose to take any action against the said society to recover the outstanding amount?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The as-lesment of PF dues against the establishment under Section 7 A of the EPF and MP Act, 1952 is yet to be finalised.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Formation of Tobacco Labour Cell

7666. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR. be pleased to state:

(a) wnether Goveraraent have consti tuted a Tobacco Labour Cell or Tobacco Labour Advisory Board;

(b) wnether the Gurupadaswamy Committee made any suggestions to form such cells to focus better attention on problems of labour in specific areas, hitherto neglected;

(c) whether Government have any proposals to constitute any Special Cells or Advisory Bodies spectfically for tobacco labourers: and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A Statutory Tobacco Board has been set up under the